REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 17, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendments have been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-23 have been canceled. Claim 24 has been amended and claims 27-30 have been canceled.

Claims 24, as amended, 25 and 26 remain active in this application.

The Examiner rejected claims 24-26 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 24 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner in paragraphs 1. a), b), c) and d) of the Office Action. Claims 25 and 26 are dependent on independent claim 24.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is believed that Claims 24, as amended, 25 and 26 in this application are allowable and Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner wish to contact Applicants' attorney regarding this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to do so by calling or writing the undersigned in the Office of Counsel, U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, Natick, MA 01760 at (508) 233-4510.

Respectfully submitted,

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